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Union Men of America:

COMMON SENSE will not comment in general on Truman's veto of the Taft-Hartley labor bill as it is not our policy to take part in purely labor matters. Nor does space permit comment on the political or historical significance of the over-riding of the veto.

We do know that the Communist leaders in many unions are mainly concerned with the provision in the new law which prevents Communists from holding office in unions. This is a terrific blow at Red Slavery — for many, mainly CIO, unions are partly or completely ruled by officers who are Communists. The United Electrical and Radio Workers, CIO, with about 700,000 members, is ruled by foreign-born Communists.

Hence, Communists pyramided their strength by pushing all labor at their command into organized protests to Truman and organized pleas to Congress. Excerpts from an article in Think-Weekly of Aug. 4, 1946, are interesting and appropriate reading at this time. We quote:

UNION MEN OF AMERICA:

You do not want your Union destroyed. The smart employer does not want your Union destroyed. You do not want drastic laws passed affecting your Union. All unions in the U. S. are facing a crisis.

The next few months will be critical times for the laboring man. You have helped build up these Unions, but by inactivity you have allowed many of these locals to be dominated by Reds. THINK-WEEKLY is very friendly to Unions, but we despise Communism. However, we do not detest it any more than many of your Union officers who are doing

their best to clean the Reds out.

We are giving you some information and suggestions that will save your Unions.

How many of you pay your dues to help support the Union but never go near the meetings? You are too tired or too busy. You have allowed a small clique of Reds or Red controlled noisy members to run your local. They are never too busy to attend meetings. The clique controls your grievance committee and all important committees. When they want something passed they get on the floor and it is passed. You don't know if it is a good thing for you or a bad thing. It aggravates the Company, so it must be a good thing for you.

You do not realize that Communist master-minds, miles away, may be directing the grievance committee so that there will always be trouble, aggravation of men and Company officials. To stimulate trouble and strife is the main thought behind the Communists' philosophy of strikes.

Communists work for months and years to work up a strike. That is what they want — dissatisfaction, unemployment, hunger. If you do not know this, you have not read their teachings. Their leaders have taught this for years. Real Communists are not interested in your welfare, if they were they would not have made slaves of the working-man in Russia. That is what you will have if you do not clean out your Unions.

If your Union card is worth protecting, attend meetings, take a
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STRONG EVIDENCE STATE DEPARTMENT WILL FOLLOW BETRAYAL OF POLAND BY HELPING COMMUNISTS ISOLATE NATION UNTIL FRANCO IS OUSTED .

By Merwin K. Hart, President
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The following correspondence explains itself:

May 10, 1947

Hon. George C. Marshall
Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I read with interest and with regret this morning in The New York Times, a dispatch in which it said that the Department had said that "our policy toward Spain has not changed in any respect. Satisfactory political and economic relations are not possible as long as the Franco regime remains in power. No loans or credits by the United States are being considered."

I hope you will pardon me if I say frankly that the continuation of this attitude, in view of the facts of the past, reflect discredit on the State Department and on the American Republic. For so long as we tolerate the inhumanity that without question prevails in Soviet Russia with ten or twenty million of its own citizens or subjects in concentration camps, and with its record of murder of its own people—so long as we have besmirched our record by shifting from Mikhailovitch to Tito in Yugoslavia, and so long as we have on our record the fact that we be-

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trayed the Polish people, this attitude on our part toward Franco not only does not make sense, but leads to the inescapable conclusion in the minds of fair-minded Americans that we have knuckled down to Soviet Russia through fear; and that through fear of the same element we are following the wishes of Soviet Russia with respect to Spain.

I was glad, Mr. Secretary, when you became the head of the State Department. I hoped and believed that it would to a large extent mean an end to the grave policy we had been pursuing toward Soviet Russia. To a great extent I believe that this is so — I believe that under your direction American policy toward Russia has firmed up. I have expressed approval of the new policy of aiding Greece and Turkey against the further spread of Communism.

Why, then, must we continue to follow Russia's will with respect to Spain? How can you justify opposing Communism in the Eastern Mediterranean and playing into its hands in the Western Mediterranean?

You are of course familiar with Winston Churchill's extended tribute which he paid Franco in his speech in the House of Commons May 24, 1944. He made very clear that Franco had aided in the North African landing, and had aided American airmen crossing Spain.

Former Ambassador Carlton J. H. Hayes, in his book *Wartime Mission in Spain*, likewise pays tribute to the help rendered by Franco. In fact, I have talked with several former ambassadors to Spain, two of whom have represented this country since 1933, and I gather that their views coincide with those of Mr. Churchill.

I have been in Europe myself many times in the last fifty years, but I had never visited Spain until 1938. I had a chance to see what was going on — a chance to observe the extent to which Soviet Russia was influencing if not conducting the affairs of the leftist government. I had a chance to mingle with considerable numbers of people on the Franco side, and to realize how widely he was accepted among all classes. I am familiar, too, as you must be, with the history of the raising of the International Brigade by the Communists of the different nations, among them the raising of the so-called Abraham Lincoln Brigade. That whole International Brigade

"Words must have no relation to actions — otherwise what kind of diplomacy is it? Words are one thing, actions another. Good words are a mask for concealment of bad deeds. Sincere diplomacy is no more possible than dry water or wooden iron."

(Joseph Stalin. "The Real Soviet Russia", by David J. Dallin).

was simply the work of the Communist Party. Most of the members were Communists — the Communist Party has boasted of it repeatedly.

Naturally Soviet Russia and the various Communist Parties in the world were chagrined when their forces in Spain were beaten. That was the greatest defeat Soviet Russia and her Communist philosophy has had. That, I am convinced, is the reason why the Soviet Russian pressure on the United States as well as other countries is so great in her attempts to get rid of Franco.

I would not want to see the Franco type of government here in the United States — though I confess that in the past twelve or fourteen years some phases of our government have been just about as Fascistic as anything in Spain. I have never met Franco, though when I was in Spain in 1938 I tried to interview him for the New York Herald Tribune for whom I was doing some temporary writing.

But because I would not approve his form of government for the United States does not prevent me from seeing that the great Republic of the United States is making a sad mistake in yielding to Soviet influence in continuing its attitude with respect to Spain.

You are greatly interested in the success of the United Nations. How can the United Nations ever succeed if it makes, as it did in San Francisco, a corner-stone of its structure the policy of deciding that the people of Spain cannot have the kind of government they want, or the kind of ruler they want.

I would like to hear from you, Mr. Secretary. I would like to hear directly from you — not from some subordinate.

If you believe that I am wrong in

my views, will you be good enough to tell me the reasons for your opinion?

I am, with great respect,
Sincerely yours,
MERWIN K. HART,
President.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Washington

In reply refer to
PL May 27, 1947.
Mr. Merwin K. Hart, President
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My dear Mr. Hart:

I have been asked to reply to your letter of May 10, 1947, addressed to Secretary Marshall concerning this Government's policy toward Spain.

As I am sure you must realize, the volume of correspondence received by the Secretary is so great that he is unable to answer it all personally. Your letter, however, has been carefully read and given full consideration by the officers of this Department concerned with the matters which you discuss.

This country's relations with the present Government of Spain are strongly influenced by its origin, nature and record of close association during the war with the German and Italian aggressors, who assisted the regime to rise to power. United States policy toward Spain is not dictated by the interest of any other country.

This Government has frequently stated its desire to see the elimination of the Franco regime in Spain and the reestablishment, without the renewal of civil strife, of a democratic government based upon the freely expressed will of the Spanish people. It has long been the opinion of this Government that it is for the Spanish people themselves to determine the type of government which they wish to have. This is equally as true with respect to the form of government as it is with respect to the individuals of whom it should be composed. By an overwhelming majority the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted on December 12, 1946, a resolution embodying this same principle.

Many groups both here and abroad believe that an immediate change in the Government of Spain should be forced by the systematic application of international coercive measures. It is, however, our judgment

that such measures would lead ultimately to conditions of economic and political chaos in Spain and the complete negation of the objectives of our policy.

The other course, to which this Government adheres, is to permit the international political situation in Spain to develop gradually to the point where the Spanish people will be able to direct their own affairs in their own way.

In the meantime, so long as the Franco regime remains in power, Spain must expect to remain isolated from the organized community of nations.

You may be sure that the Department is fully aware of the factors brought out in your letter and that these and all other aspects of the Spanish situation are taken into consideration in developing the course of action best calculated to promote the national interest of the United States and the cause of international peace and stability.

Sincerely yours,
FRANCIS H. RUSSELL,
Director, Office of Public
Affairs.

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Editor's Note: Don't fail to read Mr. Hart's reply to Secretary of State Marshall in next week's issue if you want to see how our State Department follows Stalin's instructions while Truman leads us to believe he is fighting Communism.

OUR NEW NAME

We received hundreds of suggestions for a new name from our many friends. Please accept our sincere thanks for this cooperation. Many excellent titles submitted were, unfortunately, previously covered by copyright.

Do you like COMMON SENSE?

"We have exterminated the Capitalists and property owners in Russia. We are going to do the same to the intelligentsia of Europe and America." By Zmovief, Chairman of the Communist Third International — (Congressional Record, December 19, 1925)

UNION MEN OF AMERICA: (continued from first page)

stand, throw the Reds out. Who suffers from a strike? Not the Red organizers — they draw their salary every month just the same. It is you and your family — hence, when you strike, be sure it is necessary and that not one Communist, financial racketeer, is directing it.

If the good American Union men had been active and had not allowed these Reds to direct their affairs, the Unions and employers would have been working along well, after the end of the war. You were asleep and now your Unions are about to face a crisis. Strong opposition is tired of these Reds, retarding production, slowing down work. They are going to do something about it and you are going to suffer. **The Unions will soon be fighting with their backs to the walls. If you allow the Reds to champion your cause it will be the kiss of death.** The big men of the U.S. are fed up. They are angry, but they will deal with reasonable Union men — Americans like themselves — but they will not deal with Stalin or his agents.

They know Stalin's agents will never be satisfied and that they make understanding impossible. These plant owners will close down and go out of business before they will deal with Communism. That holds true all over the U. S.

A big change is coming — you will know it within a few weeks. Put the Reds out and save your Unions.

Industrial harmony may be had only by charity and understanding. Communists are not capable of charity and understand only one way — Red Rule.

What kind of an American are you? Are you going to allow clever Communist agitators to fool you any longer? Do you want to help widen the breach between employer and labor, or do you want to try to get along with your employer?

Labor is going to be set back many years if you do not take a stand for America and against Red Fascism.

Ten million men went into service and 300 thousand died to preserve America.

Millions are watching Union Labor now to see what you will do to preserve America.

One way to stop Communism is to circulate THINK WEEKLY in your plant. We will furnish free papers to your Union.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

We have many such letters from German families. These are from people who have no relatives in the U.S. to send bundles. This is the condition master-mind Communists have planned to force people to accept Red Slavery. If you wish to send a bundle to one of these families, we will mail you the original letter.

To help these families gives you a certain good feeling, and you will be helping them to resist Communism.

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"THINK-WEEKLY"
Box 816,
Newark, N. J.

Dear Sir:

"Friends of mine gave me your address and told me you were anxious to help suffering Germans to receive some support. Ours is a family of four. My husband recently returned home from Canada after having been a prisoner of war for six years. There was no "home" left as we were totally bombed out. We couldn't save anything. Now we all live in one room. We borrowed our furniture, consisting of a bed, a small table, 2 chairs and a stove. We have no more clothes left. My daughter is 15 years of age and, as you will gather from the enclosed certificate of our city doctor, she developed tuberculosis through malnutrition. My son is 8 years old. My husband hasn't got a single shirt and the only suit he has is his old uniform. Still the worst is the food situation. Since over a week we haven't had a piece of bread and must live from "Wasser Suppen" (soups made from water, probably by adding flour—if available)

"Sincerely yours,
"Mrs. Liesel Nickel"

"Europe is a rubble heap and breeding ground for disease and hate. Winston Churchill, 5-14-47

It was not long ago Churchill and Roosevelt were talking Four Freedoms. While they were telling this to the world, Stalin was laughing up his sleeve at the thought of our taxpayers giving him Eleven Billion Dollars, lend-lease, to break down Europe for Communism.

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We, too, make a pledge that we will, with the help of God, do our best to prove worthy of all support. The editors draw no salary; practically all help is voluntary. Your money is primarily used to print more papers and reach more people with the truth. You encourage us to fight harder in spite of the smears we receive from the Red press.

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ELEANOR APPROVES TITO'S PERSECUTION OF STEPINAC

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

May we respectfully seek your aid in our campaign to seek the release of Archbishop Aloysius Stepinac, Primate of the Roman Catholic Church in Yugoslavia, from his unjust sentence of 16 years at hard labor in a Yugoslavia prison?

With every best wish, I am
JOHN F. RAPP,
New York

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My dear Mr. Rapp:

Your letter addressed to me in care of The American Committee for Yugoslav Relief was forwarded to me.

I am sorry but I fear I cannot help as you suggest. I understand the Archbishop took part in political affairs and the government now in power has jurisdiction in such matters.

Yours very sincerely,
ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

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Editor's Comment:

Mrs. Roosevelt says Archbishop Stepinac took part in political affairs. She also refers to the government. What government?

Stalin's government of slavery conducted by Tito, who was trained in wholesale slaughter in Spain

Eleanor supported the Church burners in Spain as she now does Tito. Apparently this is the kind of government we are to have soon in the U.S. when all the enemies of Communism will be shot or imprisoned because they took part in political affairs.

Such dupes as Eleanor and Henry Wallace will also go, as they will have served Stalin's purpose. But now they are of more service to Stalin than ten Communists.

"Espionage agents, including members of the NKVD secret police, are operating on a wide scale in the United States."

(Kiril M. Alexeiev, former Russian embassy attache in Mexico — St. Louis Post-Dispatch, January 14, 1947).